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SUBJECT: Finnish-Soviet Relations					

In a recent conversation with a Legation officer, an official of the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in the course of discussing several political questions of international concern, mentioned the Soviet February 10 proposal at the Berlin Conference regarding an "all-European treaty on collective security in Europe." He stated that the Molotov proposal has received endorsement from the "real" Soviet satellite states, and he speculated as to whether this might not come to involve a political problem for Finland. In this connection, he stated that a member of the Finnish delegation at the recent Moscow discussions on the renewal of the 5-year trade agreement was approached by one of the Soviet officials on the question of Finland's attitude toward the above proposal.

The Legation officer was informed that the Soviet Government has thus far made no official approach to the Finns aimed at ascertaining the attitude of the Finnish Government on this question, and that there has been no discussion of the matter in organs of the Finnish Government responsible for foreign policy.

Although there has been no indication since the presentation of the proposal that the USSR plans to push this "all-European treaty on collective security in Europe" as a serious effort to sabotage EDC, application of this scheme, as a starting point in its propaganda campaign, to the States susceptible to its foreign policy influence could present considerable difficulties to the Finns. This is particularly true of the provision in the proposal for the formation of a military consultative organ, which might involve the initiation of some measure of regular military interchange in place of the emergency consultative provisions of the 1948 Fenno-Soviet treaty which have never been invoked.

For the Minister:

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